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SUBJECT: FRENCH NUCLEAR MERCHANT SHIP PROGRAM

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1. EMBASSY UNAWARE OF ANY STATEMENT MADE IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OR ANY GOF DECISION EVEN UNANNOUNCED TO DROP NUCLEAR MERCHANT SHIP PROGRAM (REFTEL). HAD SUCH DECISION BEEN TAKEN IT WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN MENTIONED DURING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE PRECEDING ADOPTION NOV. 18 OF MERCHANT MARINE BUDGET FOR 1975. STATE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT CAVAILLE SPOKE DURING THAT DEBATE WHICH WAS UNEVENTFUL, ACCORDING SUMMARY PUBLISHED NEXT DAY IN LE MONDE.

2. AS ADDED PRECAUTION WE MADE INQUIRIES OF FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL CONCERNED WITH MARITIME AFFAIRS WHO, AFTER DOUBLE-CHECKING FURTHER WITHIN GOF TO CONFIRM HIS OWN UNDERSTANDING, ASSURED US THAT THERE WAS NO TRUTH TO REPORT NUCLEAR MERCHANT SHIP PROGRAM WAS BEING DROPPED.

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3. LAST MONTH GOF ADOPTED PROGRAM FOR EXPANSION OF

MERCHANT MARINE IN COMING YEARS. DETAILS ARE
STILL SKETCHY AND WE CONTINUE TO SEEK FULLER INFO.

4. IN BACKGROUND STORY NOV. 26 ON AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED
THAT DATE FOR GOF LICENSING OF NUCLEAR PROPULSION
TECHNOLOGY TO JAPANESE (BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL),
AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE STRESSES STRONG INTEREST THAT
CONTINUES TO BE SHOWN IN DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR
MERCHANT SHIPS. ARTICLE CONTAINS NO HINT THAT GOF
MAY BE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT ITS NUCLEAR MERCHANT
SHIP PROGRAM.
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